

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(Currently Amended). A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

a solid barrier material with no spaces and gaps, sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion which is sized to fit between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where crawling arthropods ~~can enter the room~~, the fixed-permanent surface being selected from at least one of: a floor, wall, and ceiling; and

an a separate arthropod repellant substance associated with the solid barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway , the barrier material further preventing and blocking airflow from passing therethrough.

(Claim 2(Canceled).)

Claim 3(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixed-permanent surface includes: a wall portion.


Claim 4(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixed-permanent surface includes: a floor portion.

Claim 5(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixed-permanent surface includes: a ceiling portion.

Claim 6(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: an attachment point between shower faucet handles and the surface portion.

Claim 7(Original). The barrier device of claim 6, wherein the barrier material includes: a disc shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting adjacent to the attachment point between the shower faucet handles and the surface portion.

Claim 8(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: an attachment point between a pipe and the surface portion.



Claim 9(Original). The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the barrier material includes: a conical shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting adjacent to the attachment point between the pipe and the surface portion.

Claim 10(Original). The barrier device of claim 9, wherein the center through-hole further includes:

a variable size opening for fitting about different pipe diameters.

Claim 11(Original). The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: a drainline for a sink.

Claim 12(Original). The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: an incoming waterline for a sink.

Claim 13(Original). The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: a water line for a showerhead.

Claim 14(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: a stem extending into the room, the stem between the surface portion and an electric powered fixture.

Claim 15(Original). The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the electric powered fixture includes: a ceiling fan.

Claim 16(Original). The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the electrical powered fixture includes: a light.

Claim 17(Original). The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the barrier material includes:

a bell shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting about the stem.

Claim 18(Original). The barrier device of claim 17, wherein the center through-hole further includes:

a variable size opening for fitting about different stem diameters.

Claim 19(Original). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: a drain receptical.

Claim 20(Original). The barrier device of claim 19, wherein the barrier material includes:

a cup shaped insert having a center through-hole for fitting with the drain receptical.

Claim 21(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: an air vent cover.

Claim 22(Original). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having a rectangular shaped opening for fitting with the vent cover.

Claim 23(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: a wall switch and a cover.

Claim 24(Original). The barrier device of claim 23, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole for a toggle switch for fitting between the cover and the wall switch.

Claim 25(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: telephone jack and a cover.

Claim 26(Original). The barrier device of claim 25, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole for a telephone jack connector for fitting between the cover and the telephone jack.

Claim 27(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: a thermostat mounted to a wall portion.

Claim 28(Original). The barrier device of claim 27, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having a through-hole therethrough for fitting between the thermostat and the wall portion.

Claim 29(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: an electrical socket and a cover.

Claim 30(Original). The barrier device of claim 29, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole therethrough for fitting between the electrical socket and the cover.

Claim 31(Currently Amended). The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the fixture includes: a cable socket and a cover.

Claim 32(Original). The barrier device of claim 31, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole therethrough for fitting between the cable socket and the cover.

(Claim 33(Canceled))

Claim 34(Currently Amended). A method for impeding a route of travel for crawling arthropods from entering along surface attached fixtures in enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising the steps of:

providing a solid barrier material having no spaces and no gaps therethrough;

associating ~~an~~ a separate arthropod deterring substance with ~~a~~ the solid barrier material; and

positioning the barrier material about a surface attachment portion for a fixture within an interior space of a room, wherein the barrier material impedes the arthropods from traveling into the space; and

preventing and blocking airflow passing through by the solid barrier material.

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Claim 35(Original). The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a wall surface attachment portion.

Claim 36(Original). The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a ceiling surface attachment portion.

Claim 37(Original). The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a floor surface attachment portion.

Claim 38(New). A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

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a barrier material sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion which is sized to fit between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room with a stem therebetween, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where crawling arthropods can enter the room, the barrier material having a disc shape with a center through-hole therethrough with the stem of the fixture being inserted into the center through-hole of the disc shape barrier material; and

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway .

Claim 39(New). A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

a barrier material sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion which is sized to fit between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room with a conduit therebetween, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where crawling arthropods can enter the room, the barrier material having a conical shape with a center through-hole therethrough with the conduit of the fixture being inserted into the center through-hole of the conical shape barrier material; and

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway .

Claim 40(New). A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

B² a barrier material sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion which is sized to fit between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room with a stem therebetween, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where crawling arthropods can enter the room, the barrier material having a bell shape with a center through-hole therethrough with the stem of the fixture being inserted into the center through-hole of the bell shape of the barrier material; and

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway .

Claim 41(New). A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

a barrier material sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion which is sized to fit between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room with a conduit therebetween, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where

crawling arthropods can enter the room, the barrier material having a cup shape with a center through-hole therethrough with the conduit of the fixture being inserted into the center through-hole of the cup shape barrier material; and

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway .

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B Claim 42(New). The barrier device of claim 1, wherein the separate arthropod repellant substance is selected from at least one of: a repellant substance, a pesticide, and a slippery substance.

Claim 43(New). The method of claim 34, wherein the separate arthropod deterring substance is selected from at least one of: a repellant substance, a pesticide, and a slippery substance.
